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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA ADMISSION OF TWO VIETNAMS

1. WHEN 30TH GA CAME TO ITS FIRST ITEM OF ITS BUSINESS, ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS, PRESIDENT THORN NOTED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD MADE AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS OF MOZAMBIQUE, CAPE VERDE AND SAO TOME. HE THEN DREW THE ASSEMBLY'S ATTENTION TO A JOINT LETTER FROM NVN AND SVN ASKING THAT THEIR ADMISSIONS BE TAKEN UP BY THE GA AT THE SAME TIME IT CONSIDERS THE SC RECOMMENDATIONS ON MOZAMBIQUE, CAPE VERDE AND SAO TOME AND THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK IN THE ASSEMBLY ON THE MATTER. THORN REFERRED TO THE ASSEMBLY'S PRACTICE OF DEALING ON THE FIRST DAY OF A NEW SESSION ONLY WITH THOSE APPLICATIONS WHERE THE SC HAS RECOMMENDED ADMISSION. HE ASKED FOR, AND OBTAINED WITHOUT DEBATE, THE ASSEMBLY'S AGREEMENT TO REFER THE QUESTION OF NVN AND SVN ADMISSIONS AND THEIR LETTER TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE. THE ASSEMBLY THEN UNANIMOUSLY ADMITTED THE THREE FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES TO MEMBERSHIP.

2. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE COULD REACH THIS PROBLEM AT THE BEGINNING OF ITS FIRST SITTING (WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON) WHEN IT DEALS WITH INSCRIPTION OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 22

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"ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS". ALTERNATIVELY,

THE CHAIRMAN COULD ASK THAT THE GC DEAL WITH IT LATER AS PRIMARILY AN ALLOCATION PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND THE SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED THAT THE TWO VIETNAMS BE HEARD IN THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE; THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST WITH ADMISSION APPLICATIONS NOT ACTED UPON BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND BECAUSE THE SPC HAS A LIGHT AGENDA. APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, THIS WAS REJECTED BY THE VIETNAMS WHO SEEM LIKELY TO PRESS FOR A HEARING IN PLENARY AT A MEETING IN THE IMMEDIATE OR NEAR FUTURE.

3. UKUN BELIEVES THAT THE VIETNAMS WILL GET A HEARING WHEREVER THEY WANT IT AND THAT WE COULD NOT WIN A FLOOR FIGHT TO KEEP THEM FROM BEING HEARD. IN VIEW OF ARAFAT'S APPEARANCE IN PLENARY LAST YEAR, THE PRELIMINARY BRITISH VIEW IS THAT WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MUSTER MORE THAN ONE OR TWO VOTES AGAINST AN APPEARANCE IN PLENARY WHICH, IF IT CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED BY CORRIDOR WORK, SHOULD BE ACQUIESCED IN. WE AGREE WITH THIS THINKING AND BELIEVE THAT, WHENEVER AND WHEREVER THE VIETNAMS SPEAK, WE SHOULD, AS INSTRUCTED, MAKE CLEAR OUR OPPOSITION TO "SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS".

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